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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CUBAN SANCTIONS

REF: STATE 196916

1. EMBASSY BRIEFED MINISTER SOUTOMEIOR, FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHIEF OF CABINET ONPOINTS CONTAINED REFTEL ON SEPTEMBER 8. SOUTOMAIOR PASSED INFORMATION ON TO FOREIGN MINISSTER WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT AMBASSADOR WAS AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER. SOUTOMAIOR ACCEPTED BRIEFING IMPASSIVELY EXCEPT FOR PARAGRAPH THREE REFTEL CONCERNING CONVOKING THE COUNCIL TO ACT PROVISIONALLY AS THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION FOR THE 19TH. WHILE NOT SISCLOSING THE BRAZILIAN POSITION, MOST OF THE QUESTIONS HE ASKED REVOLVED AROUND THIS POINT. SOUTMAIOROR ALSO ASKED POINT BLANK WHERE U.S. STOOD ON SUBSTANCE OF MATTER - "HOW ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE?". EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED THAT WE HAD BEEN ASKING SAME QUESTION OF BRAZILIANS.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, SOUTOMAIOR CALLED BACK ON MONDAY MORNING TO CONFIRM THAT HE HAD BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTER ON POINTS MADE PER REFTEL. SOUTOMAIOR SAID THAT WHILE  
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GOB STILL IN PROCESS OF CONSULTATION, ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE

POSITION OF OTHER NATIONS AND BRAZILIAN POSITION WAS STILL UNDEFINED, FOREIGN MINISTER HAD EXPRESSED "INTEREST - CONCERN WOULD BE TOO STRONG A WORD -" ON POINT THREE OF THE TRIPARTITE DRAFT RESOLUTION. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WOULD BE CONSTITUTED BY THE COUNCIL OR BY THE COUNCIL ACTING AS THE PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF CONSULTATION, WHILE STILL A PROCEDURAL QUESTION, INVOLVED ELEMENTS OF SUBSTANCE. THE SETTING UP OF THE COMMITTEE BY THE COUNCIL WOULD REQUIRE A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE, WHILE ITS ESTABLISHMENT BY THE PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF CONSULTATION WOULD HAVE TO BE ON THE BASIS OF A TWO-THIRD'S VOTE.

3. ON A RELATED ISSUE, SOUTOMAIOR EXPRESSED THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S INTEREST IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSIDERING SANCTIONS QUESTION COULD BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL OR ONLY BY THE PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF CONSULTATION. HE THOUGHT THIS MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE RELEVANCE BEYOND THE PROCEDURAL ASPECT AND GOING DIRECTLY TO THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM. WOULD THIS MATTER BE DETERMINED BY A MAJORITY OR TWO-THIRD'S VOTE?

4. SOUTOMAIOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT AND ASKED THAT WE KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THESE MATTERS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ON THE POINTS HE RAISED, FOR RELAYING TO ITAMARATY AS APPROPRIATE.  
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